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EARLY HAIR BOB NOTICED BY GODS

Legend Calls Constellation Queen's Shorn Tresses.

Washington.—Possibly not the first, but certainly one of the earliest maidens to bob her hair, achieved immortality, in the sky. Look overhead this evening, if it is clear, and there you will see a swarm of rather faint stars. These are the locks which were sacrificed by the Queen Berenice, and are known as Coma Berenices, or Berenice's Hair.

Berenice was the wife of Evergetes, who was the third of the Ptolomies and ruled Egypt about 243 B. C. Previously there had been no such constellation in the sky, but the tall of the near-by lion, Leo, stretched straight into the space that it now occupies.

One day the king went to war against the Assyrians, and fully aware of the danger to him, Berenice was much alarmed for his safety. Going to the temple of Venus, the goddess of love, to pray for his safety, she vowed on the altar of Venus that if Evergetes returned victorious she would cut off her beautiful hair and give it to the gods.

The king did defeat the Assyrians, and when Berenice heard of his victory she was true to her promise, and bobbed her hair. Like modern husbands who learn that their wives have cut off their tresses, the king was distressed at the appearance of his wife with bobbed hair, even though he appreciated her kind intentions.

Astronomer Explains It.

But his anger was aroused the next day when it developed that the queen's tresses had been stolen from the temple of Venus during the night, and he consulted his court astronomer and sage, who seems to have been one of the original "yes-men," Conon by name. He had to explain what had happened, and after due consideration he announced that Jupiter had himself removed the locks from the temple and placed them among the stars. Pointing out what had previously been regarded by astronomers as the end of the lion's tail he told the king that this was his wife's hair. And as the king was not familiar with astronomy, he took Conon at his word, and he and his queen were highly flattered at the approval thus shown by the gods. But as the lion had to have his tail, it has been represented ever since as curled into a loop.

Orphan Wins $100 As College's "Smilingest"

Fort Worth, Texas.—Miss Willa Mae Lee, an orphan earning her way through college, won this year's $100 prize for being the "smilingest" girl on the campus at Texas Woman's college here. Before entering college last year, Miss Lee lived at the Waco Methodist home.

As the climax of a contest instituted last semester, Willa Mae was elected "T. W. C. Smiles Girl" by vote of all the student body this spring. Despite the fact that most of her extra-study time is occupied with earning expenses in school by serving in the college dining room, she participates in much of the social life of the campus.

She is president of the Texcup club, composed of girls who assist the college dietitian and is a member of the Susan M. Ivy Literary society and Y. W. C. A.

Flemish Art Gem Is Sold for $125,000

New York.—Jules Bache has added to his gallery of old master paintings a portrait by Petrus Christus, leader in Fifteenth century art in Flanders. The picture carries the title "Cathusian Monk as a Saint." It had a conspicuous place in the recent Flemish exhibition, the most important of the season in London. It measures only 11¼ by 8 inches, but its rank with the best is indicated by the price of $125,000 that Mr. Bache is understood to have paid for it.

Collectors of old Flemish art have set store by the work of Vermeer, because of its rarity as well as its excellence. Work by Petrus Christus is of similar quality and is rarer, his known existing pieces numbering only 20, while 50 of Vermeer's are known. Americans own four of the Christus examples, counting the Bache acquisition.

Seattle's Woman Mayor Hits at Circus Parades

Seattle, Wash.—Securing reports from numerous western cities Mayor Bertha Landes is investigating her theory that circus parades with untrained elephants should be barred from the streets of large cities. During the past year, she cites, there were numerous instances where elephants broke and threatened serious damage. Traffic conditions here also compel the reduction of all parades to the minimum.

Treble Joy

New York.—After much sorrow in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Grabowsky of the East side there is treble joy. Two years ago their twins died, then a boy was drowned in the East river. Now they have triplets

Have First-Aid Kits

London, England.—London's mounted police are now equipped with first-aid kits to render prompt service to victims of traffic accidents.

WORLD'S HOTTEST AND COLDEST SPOTS

Siberia Holds Record With 90.4 Degrees Below.

Washington.—Days are coming when we shall enjoy just thinking of the coldest spot on earth. That imaginary comfort may be enhanced by a knowledge of the exact time and location of the coldest known temperature. Verkhoyansk, Siberia, just within the Arctic circle, experienced 90.4 degrees below zero Fahrenheit on January 15, 1885. It was unofficially reported that this same place recently broke the above record with 97.6 degrees below.

However, do not start for Verkhoyansk for your vacation, for the temperature rises to 80 degrees during the two-month summer. Miles City, Mont., holds the low record for the United States with 65 degrees below.

It may help the fellow who must endure the sun breezes of an electric fan to know of a hotter spot than his own chair. The Italian meteorological station of Azizia registered 136.4 degrees Fahrenheit in the shade on September 13, 1922. Azizia is in the semi-desert plain of Jefara, northern Africa. The mean annual temperature for this region is 70.8 degrees.

Before Azizia established her hottest day California's similar arid inland plain held the world's record with 134 degrees in the shade. This was at Greenland ranch on the edge of Death valley, where the thermometer goes higher than 120 degrees every summer. Officials at the weather bureau question Azizia's record because the conditions under which the 136.4 degrees were obtained were not certainly proper. However, this may be the American desire for bigger and better climate, as Prof. Filippo Eredia saw the establishment of the meteorological station at the Italian settlement in 1913 and took great pains to insure the accurate functioning of the instruments after approved methods.

Though summer out-of-doors recreation is tempting, the need for vacations is apparently greater in winter than in summer. Scientific investigation has discovered that it is a great mistake to speed up at the end of January while in May nature lends her aid and human energy is increased. We are still more energetic in October.

Nervous America might well change her habit and relax in winter vacations when the need for slowing up is greatest.

Hungarian Fencer Was in 10,000 Duels

Budapest. — Ten thousand duels, fought, arranged or attended, was the record that enabled Karl Foior, fencing master, to die happy.

Foior died recently after a celebration in honor of his ten thousandth duel, which was in his fencing rooms.

For forty years Budapest duels were held, as a rule, in his quarters. He presided over the many political sword quarrels of Count Tisza. He saw behind the scenes of most of the political differences and society scandals of his time.

His most famous affair was the duel of Count Etienne Kegievitch and Deputy Kort Hencz. It was to be a deadly fight, but it ended before it started. The count, very near-sighted, ran against his adversary's sword before the signal for the start and was killed.

Moose Cows Swim to Isle to Give Birth to Calves

Anchorage, Alaska.—Fire island in Cook's Inlet is the maternity hospital for moose. Moose cows are now swimming from the mainland to Fire island to give birth there to their calves. The island is of small size, but it harbors no wolves and the young moose, when old enough to look out for themselves, are escorted back to the Kenaim peninsula.

The island is one of the most remarkable of the Alaskan refuges for wild game.

Two other small islands near Fire island, Egg and Chislck, are natural nesting places for the elder duck, under protection in Alaska, while Afognak island is the winter home of sea otter and the summer resort for the superb emperor goose.

Hens to Lay Eggs for Apes to Steal

Odessa.—A shipload of 14 chimpanzees has arrived from Africa and will be established on the Soviet government's "monkey farm" at Suchum, in the Caucasus. The commissary of health is opening the monkey colony to breed a supply of animals for transplanting monkey glands to rejuvenate people.

Professor Ivanoff of the Leningrad Institute of Medicine accompanied the chimpanzees. He returned from a year's study and experiment in central Africa, where he made scientific tests of cross-breeding monkeys with other animals.

The "monkey farm" is in tropical Russia and has been prepared to make the chimpanzees feel at home. Even a flock of hens has been provided, to lay eggs which the chimpanzees can steal and suck as they do in Africa.

WHERE PAGAN KINGS ONCE RULED SWEDEN

Old Upsala Again Comes Into Spotlight.

Washington.—"Old Upsala, one-time pagan capital of Sweden, recently came into the spotlight, after centuries of slumber, when a Christian church which is more than 800 years old, was rededicated," says a bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society.

"The church stands on the same site formerly occupied by the famous golden pagan temple of Upsala, where worship of the Norse gods, Odin, Thor and Frey, drenched the 'sacred' building with the blood of human sacrifice.

Pagan Rites Practiced.

"Tradition has it that King Domald was slain at Upsala as a sacrifice to the pagan gods to end a famine, after the people had offered other human beings and an ox without success," continues the bulletin.

"King Aun, another early Swedish king, was promised additional years of life by the gods if he would offer up his sons. He lived to sacrifice nine, but was stopped by his subjects before he attempted to slay the tenth and last. The old king is said to have died shortly after he failed to comply with the gods' commands.

"Visitors to Old Upsala today who are not familiar with its history, would not be apprised of its ancient glory. Except for three huge mounds, the traditional tombs of the three gods, and a natural amphitheater where the ancient assemblies of Sweden were held, few suggestions of the old capital remain.

"Osrra Aros, two miles south of the capital on the Fyrlas river, was the royal landing place. Otherwise it was insignificant compared with the royal town. But when the first Christian cathedral was destroyed by fire in the Thirteenth century, the archbishopric was moved to the port city, and shortly afterward the royal household migrated to Stockholm. Old Upsala was soon deserted when stripped of its royal and religious leadership and Ostra Aros even usurped its name. The old capital later became known as Gamla Upsala.

"Modern Upsala, now a city of nearly 30,000 inhabitants, is about forty miles north of Stockholm with which it is connected by both water and rail transportation. Its principal industry is education, for Upsala university is the largest state educational institution in Sweden. The university was founded in 1477.

"Crowning the highest point in the city is the Upsala castle, founded by King Gustavus Vasa 400 years ago. It was the scene of Queen Christina's abdication.

"The castle windows afford a splendid view of the 'college town.' The Fyrtis, crossed by eight bridges, quietly flows southward toward Lake Malaren. The city is spread out on both banks. The east bank, save for a few houses, and streets that are laid out in checkerboard fashion, is the site of numerous university buildings, campuses and gardens. One of the gardens was laid out by Linnaeus, the founder of modern botany, who became a professor at Upsala in 1741. Emanuel Swedenborg, mystic philosopher and founder of the religious sect called the 'Swedenborgians,' was graduated from the university in 1710.

"Fraternities" Called "Nations."

"Wherever seen, Upsala students are distinguished by their white velvet caps. Each of the some 2,000 students are obliged to become members of the student unions known as 'nations.' There are no Greek letter fraternities. Members are chosen by accident of birth, for each nation represents one or more Swedish 'lans' or provinces. The 'nations' have their own houses and conduct their own affairs.

"The university library is, perhaps, the most important in the country, containing more than 350,000 printed volumes and 14,000 valuable manuscripts. The chief treasure is the famous Codex Argenteus, a Fourth century translation of the four gospels into Moeso-Gothic. The work includes 187 leaves of parchment in gold and silver letters on a red ground. There is also a collection of letters of Luther, Linnaeus, Mozart and Goethe.

"Upsala cathedral might be properly called 'Little Notre Dame,' although it is the largest in Sweden. The cathedral is situated in the center of the city, its clone adjoining the university campus. Here the graduation exercises of the university are held. In its burial vaults lie the remains of some of Sweden's foremost educators, among whom are King Gustavus Vasa, Linnaeus and Swedenborg. One of Notre Dame's architects, Etienne de Bonneuil, drew the plans of the cathedral, which accounts for its resemblance to the Paris church. Construction began in 1287 and it was 150 years before the building was completed."

Fenceless Rumania

Bukharest, Rumania.—Fences are almost a rare in Rumania today as they were on the plains of west Texas fifty years ago. Every man knows where his own plowed field ends.

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New York.—In order to be healthy, even immune from colds, take a dip in the ocean daily, even when the mercury is below zero, the five members of the Penguin club advise.

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Lewis Tucker Evans who was the victim of measles is out again rejoicing that his troubles are over.

Miss Elsie Mark's school closed Thursday. She left for a visit to her aunt, Mrs. Elmer Marks at Crewe.

Rev. E. F. Burnett is moving to his new field at Vera this week. They will be greatly missed in this community.

Mrs. John Smith, better known here as Grandpa Smith, who has been very ill, we hope is improving. He is 90 years old and a fine old man.

Mrs. R. R. Summerman, of Wythville, and Mr. W. S. Smith, of Rural Retreat, visited their father, Mr. John Smith last week.

Miss Rena Parks, of Hixburg, was the guest of Mrs N. S. Smith last week.

Mr. Elijah Glover who has been ill for some time is improving, we hope.

Mrs. J Mott Harvey who fell and broke two ribs is getting on nicely. We hope to see her out again soon.

Misses Madison Lee, Ida Bell Evans, Gladys Jennings, and Mr. J. V. Harvey motored to Crewe Sunday, where they were guests of Miss Elsie Marks and other friends.

Mrs. Chap Harvey and children, of Charlotte, were the guests of her mother, Mrs. W. R. Thomas last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Inge who have been visiting their home people have returned to their home in Roanoke.

Mrs. Sue Harvey, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Lillie Mease, at Pamplin, has returned to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Wariner are all smiles—a new girl came to their home last week.

FOREST VIEW

After the hot summer days we have had, the gardens and crops have come out wonderfully. Some of the wheat crops look good while others are not.

Mrs. Carl Ewers, of Lynchburg, was a recent visitor in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tab Ford. Also Mrs. W. W. Overstreet, of Brookneal, has been a recent visitor to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Nuzz Ford, of Amherst, motored to the home of R. W. Martin last Saturday and spent the night. That night there was a real reunion. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lee Ford, and daughter, Frances; Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Ford, and sons, Jim and George, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Martin. Conversation was enjoyed, also music. Mr. Verlie Jones was also present Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford spent the day with W. L. Ford and spent Sunday night with T. H. Ford.

Mrs. W. L. Ford leaves this A. M. for Farmville, where she will attend summer school.

We are glad to hear Mrs. Delicately Parker her operation in Lynchburg a few days ago.

Mr. T. J. Nash spent last Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. Jesse Evans, in Campbell, and Miss Erna Nash and attended Children's Day at Old Concord.

Mr. B. C. Sims and family, visited in the home of R. W. Martin last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Martin spent Sunday recently in the home of A. S. Woolridge.

Miss Mildred Sims is spending this week with her grand-parents Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Martin

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Liberty Chapel

Since commencements are the order of the day, or school has fallen in line, and final exercises were given last evening, the program rendered was much enjoyed by close observers, and displayed talent and careful training on the teachers part. Much good work has been realized from them and we hope to have them with us another session.

We are glad to report that Miss Frances Street, our former principal, is improving after a long illness. She was very much missed by both pupils and patrons. We cheerfully wish her much success.

Miss Olivia Rush who has been with us during this school term, left yesterday for Lynchburg to visit her sister, Mrs. Frank Cline.

On Saturday night the 4th Rev. Newton, of Centenary Methodist Church, Lynchburg, preached the baccalaureate sermon, at Liberty Chapel Church, which was greatly enjoyed by all present, and we hope to have him with us again some time.

Among the visiting guest attending the commencement were Mrs. John Rush, her son, Vincent, and Miss Mary Lee Rice, of Buckingham county, Mr. Frank Cline and family, Mrs. Ferrell and Mrs. Lucy Spradlin Wilkerson and little son, all of Lynchburg.

Rev. Hugh Smith and wife who has filled the vacancy here as principal for a month is leaving for Richmond where they may spend the summer. Our best wishes go with them.

Mrs. J. H. Garrett, who has been on an extended visit to her son and other relatives and friends in Richmond is expected home in a few days. We gladly welcome her back to the community after such an absence.

Mrs. Tom Brown, of Madison Heights, who with her children has been visiting her mother, Mrs. R. D. Pillow, who resides on "Motel Farm" will leave tomorrow for Pennsylvania, where they go to join Mr. Brown in his new home.

We rejoice to know that Mrs. J. K. Megginson is greatly improved in health since her operation.

Mrs. Annie J. Bagby will soon go to visit her sister, Mrs. J. K. Hammersley, of Richmond.

We are sorry to learn that little Sam, the son of Mr. Tom Page cut his foot very badly, recently. We trust that it shall not be serious.

We are glad to have Miss Marjorie Martin in our community again. She has recently graduated from the Farmville High School. Her mother, Mrs. Kinkle Martin attended the finals here.

Congratulations to the boys and girls of our community who have taken diplomas and certificates of merit, recently; it makes us feel that a great movement is in progress for the upbuilding of our community. May the Lord who doth all things well grant it.

Mr. Andrew Gilbert, of Farmville, is the guest of his neice, Mrs. Leighton Hatcher, of Wildwood.

We have just learned of the marriage of Mr. John Megginson, to Miss Lucy Curry; congratulations John, may you and your bride have a long journey on the silvery sea of matrimony.

If Madam Rumor is correct wedding bells may be ringing again soon in our community.

[Too late for last issue—Ed.]

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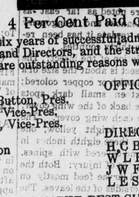

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